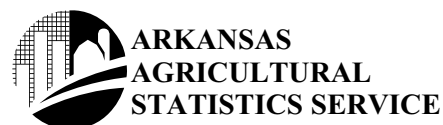


ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

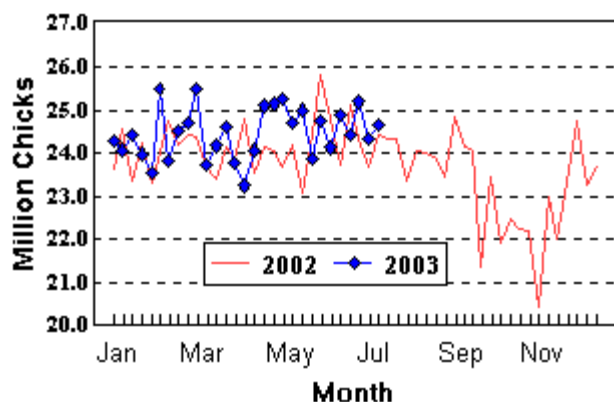
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending July 19, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from both the comparable week in 2002, and from the previous week, and included 3.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 19, 2003 were 708.9 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.8 million, down 1 percent from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

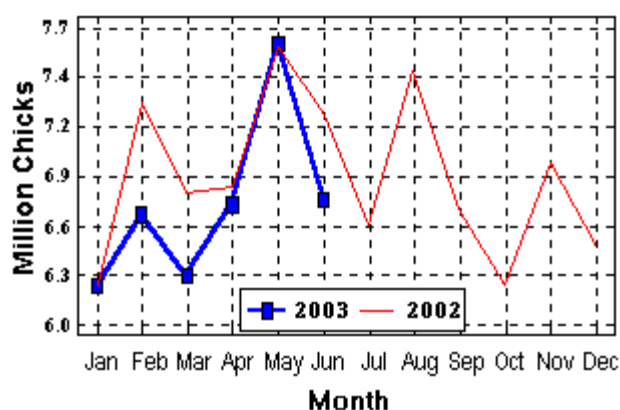
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 19, 2003, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.7 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2003, down 6 percent from June 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Jun. 14	24,765	24,094	97
Jun. 21	23,720	24,892	105
Jun. 28	25,058	24,413	97
Jul. 5	24,317	25,195	104
Jul. 12	23,672	24,296	103
Jul. 19	24,387	24,630	101

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Jan.	6,264	6,269	100
Feb.	7,275	6,659	92
Mar.	6,775	6,329	93
Apr.	6,814	6,720	99
May	7,597	7,612	100
Jun.	7,206	6,748	94

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul		14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	
Alabama	28,458 *	28,419	28,780	29,254	98	22,363	22,257	22,095	21,694	21,518	21,614	102
ARKANSAS	29,935	30,676	30,669	29,700	98	24,094	24,892	24,413	25,195	24,296	24,630	101
Delaware	3,532	3,649	3,701	3,882	110	4,722	5,579	5,557 *	5,137	5,437	5,365	99
Florida	1,327	1,315	1,329	1,354	59	1,566	1,704	1,793	1,732	1,732 *	1,619	71
Georgia	31,994 *	31,848	32,401	32,720	102	26,449	26,220	26,574	26,129	25,263 *	25,460	97
Kentucky	6,140	6,597	6,679	6,703	97	5,744	5,761	5,891	6,103	5,330	5,059	92
Maryland	9,366 *	9,267	9,482	9,469	96	6,908	5,566	5,486 *	5,691	5,823	5,307	107
Mississippi	18,837	18,443	19,375	19,377	103	16,786	16,759	16,696	16,388	15,939	16,121	106
N. Carolina	16,771 *	17,787	17,235	17,341	91	15,174	14,877	15,269	14,443	14,966 *	13,487	95
Oklahoma	6,430	5,922	6,424	6,457	99	5,651	4,119	4,785	3,932	4,721	3,952	91
Pennsylvania	3,454	3,818 *	3,728 *	3,756	93	2,752	2,696	2,632	2,755 *	2,816 *	2,576	96
S. Carolina	4,347	4,415	4,492 *	4,586	97	3,713	4,144	3,968	3,802 *	4,555 *	4,355	107
Texas	13,817	14,756	14,443	14,740	101	12,560	12,635	12,522	12,424	12,328	11,537	100
Virginia	6,356	6,538	6,259	6,384	101	5,324	5,763	5,514	6,219	5,336	5,298	104
CA, LA, MO, IN, WV	21,189	21,093	20,417 *	20,623	101	19,398	19,638	19,069	19,778 *	19,170 *	18,913	98
Total 2003	201,953 *	204,543 *	205,414 *	206,346		173,204	172,610	172,264 *	171,422 *	169,230 *	165,293	
Total 2002	204,462	206,891	209,239	209,219		173,320	172,818	172,481	172,394	168,933	166,514	
%Prev. Year	99	99	98	99		100	100	100	99	100	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 206 million eggs during the week ending July 19, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 19, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 19, 2003 were 4.88 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.